

IDEA DEVELOPMENT AWARD

Improve the lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorder now

The FY07 **Autism Spectrum Disorder Research Program (ASDRP)** Idea Development Award supports innovative research that advances the understanding of autism spectrum disorder (ASD) and leads to improved treatment outcomes. The FY07 ASDRP promotes research that will (1) improve clinical outcomes of ASD, (2) lead to better understanding of ASD across the lifespan of an affected individual, and (3) integrate basic science and clinical observations. Proposals must include preliminary data. However, because the program wishes to fund innovative research, the preliminary data does not necessarily have to come from the ASD research field. In addition, when appropriate, a clear statistical plan of analysis should be included. Proposals containing clinical trials or clinical research are appropriate for this award.

The FY07 ASDRP supports collaborative research in order to bring a new perspective to ASD research and/or facilitate progress in the field by combined effort. Therefore, up to three investigators may work on a single project, each of which will be recognized as a Principal Investigator (PI) and receive a separate award. However, in proposals that have more than one PI, all the investigators must collaborate to submit a single proposal to address a central problem or question in ASD research, and it should be clear that all investigators have an equal level of intellectual input and effort. Each PI is eligible to request up to \$125,000 per year in direct costs for up to a 3-year performance period plus indirect costs as appropriate.

1 PI, \$125,000 per year for three years or \$375,000 total direct costs plus indirect costs as appropriate

2 PIs, \$125,000 per PI per year for three years or \$750,000 total direct costs plus indirect costs as appropriate

3 PIs, \$125,000 per PI per year for three years or \$1,125,000 total direct costs plus indirect costs as appropriate

If there is more than one PI, all PIs are expected to be equal partners in the research and direct cost funding should be divided accordingly unless otherwise warranted and clearly justified.

Pre-applications are due by June 22, 2007
Invitations sent for proposals by August 6, 2007
Proposals are due by September 25, 2007

This document is a synopsis of details specific to the ASDRP Idea Development Award. A detailed description of this award mechanism including eligibility, specific evaluation criteria, submission requirements, and deadlines is available in the FY07 ASDRP Idea Development Award Program Announcement found at:

<http://www.grants.gov>

For more information about the ASDRP, please go to <http://cdmrp.army.mil/>.

